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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1-22-2007

SPONSOR McCoy LAST UPDATED _____ HB 74

SHORT TITLE Galisteo Basin Archaeological Site Assessment SB _____

ANALYST Dearing

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	*\$85.0	Non-Recurring	General Fund
	*Please see narrative		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files;
Library of Congress

Responses Received From

Cultural Affairs Department (CAD)
Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 74 appropriates \$85 thousand from the general fund to Cultural Affairs department for the purpose of conducting a conditions assessment and preparing recommendations for twenty-four sites identified in the federal Galisteo Basin Archaeological Sites Protection Act.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$85 thousand contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The enacted legislation would provide \$85 thousand to conduct condition assessments of 24 archaeological sites within the Galisteo Basin. The sites are eligible for federal preservation funds under the federal Galisteo Basin Archaeological Sites Protection Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-

208). The federal act provides for a general management plan to be completed within three fiscal years of the availability of funds and produced in conjunction with the governor, the State land commissioner and any affected Native American tribes. The plan would then go to the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the U.S. House Committee on Resources. However, Congress has not appropriated funding at the federal level thus far. The Office of Archaeological Studies states that funding will establish a baseline condition index, possibly hastening federal action.

The Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) stipulates the importance of a site assessment for these sites, however, as the federal law becomes effective only upon contingent funding, little has been done at this point. According to EMNRD, an appropriation to House Bill 74 would assist efforts by the State Parks Division in developing a proposed Cerrillos Hills /Galisteo Basin State Park. Some sites within the Galisteo Archaeological Site Protection Network have been considered for inclusion into this park.

Galisteo Basin Site	Acres
Arroyo Hondo Pueblo	21
Burnt Corn Pueblo	110
Chamisa Locita Pueblo	16
Comanche Gap Petroglyphs	764
Espinoso Ridge Site	160
La Cienega Pueblo & Petroglyphs	126
La Cienega Pithouse Village	179
La Cieneguilla Petroglyphs/Camino Real Site	531
La Cieneguilla Pueblo	11
Lamy Pueblo	30
Lamy Junction Site	80
Las Huertas	44
Pa'ako Pueblo	29
Petroglyph Hill	130
Pueblo Blanco	878
Pueblo Colorado	120
Pueblo Galisteo/Las Madres	133
Pueblo Largo	60
Pueblo She	120
Rote Chert Quarry	5
San Cristobal Pueblo	520
San Lazaro Pueblo	360
San Marcos Pueblo	152
Upper Arroyo Hondo Pueblo	12
Total Acreage	4,591

*The Cultural Affairs department’s Office of Archaeological Studies had raised approximately \$14 thousand dollars in private funding for this effort. Additionally, volunteer effort is expected to be used to assist in completion of the intended condition report.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

If enacted, the LFC recommends that the Cultural Affairs department develop a work-plan, timeline, and site assessment criteria.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Expenditure of the appropriation contained in this bill would be overseen by the Cultural Affairs department's office of Archaeological Studies.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If HB 74 is not enacted, a conditions assessment of these sites would await other sources of funding such as federal funds.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

Is the requested appropriation adequate to provide assessments for this acreage?

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